

# TOWN OF FRENCHBORO

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## Annual Town Meeting 2015 Warrant

### THE WARRANT TOWN MEETING OF FRENCHBORO JUNE 25, 2015

State of Maine  
Hancock County, ss

To: Arthur Fernald, in the Town of Frenchboro, in the County of Hancock, State of Maine

#### Greetings:

In the name of the State of Maine you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of Frenchboro, in the said County, qualified by the law to vote in town affairs, to meet in said town at the Municipal Building, on the day of June 25, 2015 at three o'clock in the afternoon to act on the following articles to wit:

### Articles to Elect Town Officials

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| Article 1 | To choose one moderator to preside at said meeting.<br>Written Ballot required.  |
| Article 2 | To choose one Selectboard member/Assessor/Overseer of<br>poor for a two year term. The term of Kim Smith was vacated.<br>To choose one Selectboard member/Assessor/<br>Overseer of the poor for a three year term. The term of<br>Myron Lenfestey, Jr. expires 2015.<br>Written Ballot required. |
| Article 3 | To choose one Town Clerk/Registrar of Voters for a one year<br>term. Current clerk is Ann Fernald.   |
| Article 4 | To choose one Tax Collector/Excise Tax Collector for a one<br>year term. Current Tax Collector is Rachel Bishop.   |
| Article 5 | To choose one School Committee member for a two year<br>term, the term of Laurette Lunt expires 2015.<br>Written Ballot required.  |
| Article 6 | To choose one Fire Warden Committee Member for a three<br>year term. The term of Myron C. Lenfestey, Jr. expires 2015.   |



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- Article 7 To choose one Fire Chief.
- Article 8 To choose two Harbor Committee members for one year terms. The terms of Travis Lunt and Brian Coffay expire. One member must be a Commercial Fisherman as set forth in the Frenchboro Town Dock, Float and Harbor Ordinance.
- Article 9 To choose any necessary members of the Planning Board and Board of Appeals. There is one vacancy on each board..

## Articles to transfer funds

- Article 10 To see if the voters of the Town of Frenchboro will vote to transfer all unspent Fire Department Operational Budget funds to the general fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2016 excluding the amount that is subject to grant restrictions which will go to the Fire Department Operational Account..

Explanation: Typically this article moves the funds to the reserve for the Fire Department but this money this year will be moved to the general fund to reduce the amount to be raised by taxes for the 2015-2016 fiscal year. The Fire Department Operational Account includes \$44,853.69 that is subject to a grant restriction and not able to be used for general purposes. Estimated amount to be turned back to the general fund is estimated at \$ 7,380.00.

- Article 11 To see what sum if any the voters of the Town of Frenchboro will vote to Transfer from the Town Roads Operational Account from the FY 2014-2015 to the Town Roads Operational Account for the FY 2015-2016.

Explanation: The road paving project didn't get completed because of the weather in the fall 2014 therefore moving the project forward to this year. If the voters accept the Municipal Bond and Include the roads in that project this money will pay the first loan payment. If the Municipal Bond is denied, then this will still pay the loan payment on just the road projects for the FY 2015-2016.

Select board recommends \$24,000.00 the amount moved from reserve to operational at a Special Town Meeting in 2014.

## Articles to Approve the Municipal Budget

Note: Please see Appendix A-1 for the line item budget

- Article 12 To see what sum the Selectboard is authorized to expend for Administrative Salaries for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2016, and to see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the same.



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Select board recommends: \$ 28,500.00

Article 13 To see what sum the Selectboard is authorized to expend for Administrative Expenses for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2016, and to see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the same.

Select board recommends: \$ 33,660.00

Article 14 To see what sum the Selectboard is authorized to expend for Municipal Building Expenses for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016, and to see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the same.

Select board recommends: \$ 6,500.00

Article 15 To see what sum the Selectboard is authorized to expend for Public Works Expenses for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2016, and to see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the same.

Select board recommends: \$ 56,100.00

Article 16 To see what sum the Selectboard is authorized to expend for Teacher's House Expenses for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2016, and to see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the same.

Select board recommends: \$ 0.00

Article 17 To see what sum Selectboard is authorized to expend for Fire Department Operational Expenses for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2016, and to see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the same.

Select board recommends: \$ 3,500.00

Explanation: Where there has been little to no involvement with the Fire Department, the board requested the presence of people at the budget meeting to establish the direction of the Department. With no additional attendance the board has reduced the amount to \$3,500.00 to be able to cover the cost of dispatch fees for 9-1-1, and enough funds for an emergency boat trip in the event of a fire.





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## Article 18

To see what sum of money, if any, the town will vote to raise and appropriate, and expend in Unclassified Accounts:

Select board recommends:      \$1,315.00

## Special Reserve Accounts

## Article 19

To see what sum of money, if any, the town will vote to raise and appropriate for the following Special Reserve Accounts:

a.	Road Maintenance		
	Select board recommends :	\$0.00	
	balance in account		\$ 52,875.16
b.	Municipal Building		
	Select board recommends:	\$ 0.00	
	balance in account		\$ 8,738.72
c.	Teacher House		
	Select board recommends:	\$ 0.00	
	balance in account		\$ 13,477.80
d.	Town Floats and Ramps		
	Select board recommends:	\$ 0.00	
	balance in account		\$ 17,378.24
e.	Ferry Pier Hoist		
	Select board recommends:	\$0.00	
	balance in account		\$ 3,050.80
f.	Fire Department		
	Select board recommends:	\$ 0.00	
	balance in account		\$ 10,379.43
g.	EMT Training		
	Select board recommends:	\$ 0.00	
	balance in account		\$ 1,500.00
h.	Attorney		
	Select board recommends:	\$ 0.00	
	balance in account		\$ 10,900.00
i.	Grave Pit		
	Select board recommends:	\$ 0.00	
	balance in account		\$ 12,182.54



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## Articles to transfer funds from Reserve Accounts to Operational Accounts

### Article 20

To see what sum of money, if any, the town will vote to move from the Teacher House Reserve Account to the Teacher House Operational Account.

Select board recommends \$ 2,500.00

Explanation: Instead of raising new funds, this amount will be moved to cover any minor expenses for the 2015 fiscal year.

### Article 21

To see what sum of money, if any, the town will vote to move from the Municipal Building Reserve Account to the Municipal Building Operational Account.

Select board recommends \$ 4,000.00

Explanation: Instead of raising new funds, this amount will be moved to cover minor building upgrades for the 2015 fiscal year.

### Article 22

To see what sum of money, if any, the town will vote to move from the Attorney Reserve Account to the Attorney Operational Account.

Select board recommends \$ 4,000.00

Explanation: Instead of raising new funds, this amount will be moved to cover the cost of the Bond Counsel for the purpose of a Municipal Bond.

### Article 23

To see if the Town of Frenchboro will vote to Authorize the

Select Board to pay for Bond Counsel, who will write articles for a Special Town Meeting Warrant, and then file the proper paperwork for the purpose of a Municipal Bond for the following work to be completed.

- a. Completion of the Town Wharf estimated at \$ 100,000.00
- b. Complete fix of town road in the housing development  
estimated at & other potholes \$ 125,000.00
- c. Ditch, Drain, & Guardrail Work \$ 60,000.00



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d. Bond Counsel Work \$ 15,000.00

The total Municipal Bond if all of these projects are approved would be \$ 300,000.00. The passing of this article gives the board permission to move forward with an attorney to draft the articles needed for a Special Town Meeting, and for the following work to be completed by December of 2016. This requires passage of Article 21 to pay the attorney to complete up front work, and then the rest will be paid for out of the bond.

## Article 24

To see what sum of money, if any, the town will vote to

appropriate from the following General Fund Revenue sources to be used towards the 2015-2016 budget appropriations thereby decreasing the amount required to be raised by property taxes.

Select Board recommends:

Excise Tax				
Auto				\$ 5,884.62
Excise Tax Fees				
Auto				\$ 76.58
Boat				\$ 6.00
Exemption Reimbursements				\$ 4,960.00
State Revenue Sharing				\$ 3,573.73
Tree Growth				\$ 869.25
Earned Interest				\$ 590.82
Travel Reimbursements-School				\$ 477.50
Waste Mgt. Income				\$ 98.98
Lien Fees				\$ 881.16
Payment in Lieu of Taxes				\$ 10,000.00
Total Income:				\$ 27,418.64

Treasurer's Note: At the end of the Fiscal Year, the following revenue related entries are made: Boat Excise Income goes to the Town Wharf Reserve Income Account; Transportation and Urban Renewal Income goes to the Road Reserve Income Account; Teacher's House Income goes to the Teacher's House Reserve Income Account; Fire Department Income goes to the Fire Department Reserve Income Account; and Gravel Pit income goes to the Gravel Pit Reserve Income Account. These adjustments are all authorized b Town Meeting votes from previous years.

## Article 25

To see what sum, if any, the voters will appropriate from the General Fund to be used toward the budget appropriations thereby decreasing the amount required to be raised by property taxes.

Explanation: All the unexpended monies and debit from the FY 2014-2015 will go back into the General Fund. The current estimate for the amount of money that will go back into the General Fund





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\$ 27,418.64. This amount does not take into consideration any transfer of funds from operational to reserve accounts previously voted in warrant.

Select board recommends passage.

## **Article 26**

To see if the town will vote to appropriate any non-dedicated funds Received to be used toward the budget appropriations thereby Decreasing the amount required to be raised by property taxes.

Select board recommends passage.

Note: Articles 10 - 26 authorize a total budget of \$ 102,156.36

## **School Related Articles**

### **FRENCHBORO SCHOOL DEPARTMENT**

#### **Articles**

**Note: Articles 27 through 37 authorize expenditures in cost center categories**

#### **Article 27**

To see what sum the School Committee is authorized to expend for **Regular Instruction** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2016.

School Committee recommends **\$ 92,605**

#### **Article 28**

To see what sum the School Committee is authorized to expend for **Special Education** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2016.

School Committee recommends **\$ 18,441**

#### **Article 29**

To see what sum the School Committee is authorized to expend for **Career and Technical Education** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2016.

School Committee recommends **\$ -0-**

#### **Article 30**

To see what sum the School Committee will be authorized to expend for **Other Instruction** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2016.

School Committee recommends **\$ -0-**

#### **Article 31**

To see what sum the School Committee is authorized to expend for **Student & Staff Support** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2016.

School Committee recommends **\$ 11,238**



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## Article 32

To see what sum the School Committee is authorized to expend for **System Administration** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2016.

School Committee recommends \$ 7,862

## Article 33

To see what sum the School Committee is authorized to expend for **School Administration** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2016.

School Committee recommends \$ 13,957

## Article 34

To see what sum the School Committee will be authorized to expend for **Transportation & Buses** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2016.

School Committee recommends \$ 11,100

## Article 35

To see what sum the School Committee is authorized to expend for **Facilities Maintenance** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2016.

School Committee recommends \$ 18,565

## Article 36

To see what sum the School Committee will be authorized to expend for **Debt Service and Other Commitments** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2016.

School Committee recommends \$ -0-

## Article 37

To see what sum the School Committee will be authorized to expend for **All Other Expenditures** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2016.

School Committee recommends \$ -0-

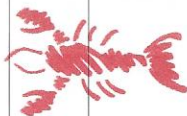
**Note: Articles 27 – 37 authorize a total budget of \$ 173,768**

**Note: Articles 38, 39 & 40 raise funds for the Proposed School Budget**

## Hand Count

## Article 38

To see what sum the voters of the Town of Frenchboro will appropriate for the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act (**Recommend \$75,404**) and to see what sum the voters of the Town of Frenchboro will





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raise as the Town's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15688 for the period July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016.

School Committee recommends **\$66,228**

*Explanation: The Town of Frenchboro's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act is the amount of money determined by state law to be the minimum amount that a municipality must raise in order to receive the full amount of state dollars.*

## Hand Count

### Article 39

To see what sum the voters of the Town of Frenchboro will raise and appropriate for the annual payments on debt service previously approved by the legislative body for non-state-funded school construction projects, non-state funded portions of school construction projects and minor capital projects in addition to the funds appropriated as the local share of the Town of Frenchboro's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 for the period July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016.

School Board recommends \$ **-0-**

*Explanation: Non-state-funded debt service is the amount of money needed for the annual payments on the Town of Frenchboro's long-term debt for major capital school construction projects and minor capital renovation projects that are not approved for state subsidy.*

## Written Ballot Vote Required

### Article 40

To see what sum the voters of the Town of Frenchboro will raise and appropriate in additional local funds for school purposes (**Recommend: \$ 64,335**) for the period July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016, which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model by (**Recommend: \$62,492**) as required to fund the budget recommended by the school committee.

The School Committee recommends **\$ 64,335** for additional local funds and gives the following reasons for exceeding the State's Essential Programs and Services funding model by **\$ 62,492**: The State funding model underestimates the actual costs to fully fund the 2015-2016 budget.

*Explanation: The additional local funds are those locally raised funds over and above the Town of Frenchboro's local contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act and local amounts raised for the annual payment on non-state funded debt service that will help achieve the Town of Frenchboro's budget for educational programs.*

Note: Articles 38, 39 & 40 raise a total town appropriation of **\$ 130,563**



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**Note: Article 41 summarizes the proposed school budget and does not authorize any additional expenditures**

## **Hand Count**

### **Article 41**

To see what sum the voters of the Town of Frenchboro will authorize the School Committee to expend for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2016 from the Town's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act, non-state-funded school construction projects, additional local funds for school purposes under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15690, unexpended balances, tuition receipts, state subsidy and other receipts for the support of schools.

School Committee recommends **\$ 173,768**

### **Article 42**

In addition to the amount in Articles 25 – 39, shall the School Committee be authorized to expend such other sums as may be received from federal or state grants or programs or other sources during the fiscal year 2015-2016 for school purposes provided that such grants, programs or other sources do not require the expenditure of other funds not previously appropriated?

Current Year Totals: \$ 19,987

School Committee recommends passage.

### **Article 43**

To see if the voters of the Town of Frenchboro will authorize the school committee to have the Frenchboro Elementary School remain open for the 2015-2016 school year with a projected enrollment of approximately three students.

School Committee recommends passage.

## **Municipal Operational Articles**

### **Article 44**

To see if the Town of Frenchboro will vote to authorize the Select Board to apply for grants, approve the acceptance of grants, receive grants, and expend grant funds for the purpose stated in the grant provided that the acceptance of any funds requiring a match from Town funds would require town meeting approval.

Select board recommends passage.

### **Article 45**

To see if the Town of Frenchboro will vote to authorize the Select Board on behalf of the Town, to sell and dispose of any Real Estate acquired by the Town for nonpayment of taxes, thereon, on such terms as they deem advisable, and to execute quit claim deeds for the property.

Select board recommends passage.





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Article 46 To see if the voters of the Town of Frenchboro will authorize the Select Board to dispose of Town-owned personal property with value of \$5,000.00 or less under such terms as the Board deems advisable.

Select board recommends passage.

Article 47 To see if the voters of the Town of Frenchboro will vote to exceed the property tax levy limit established for Frenchboro by State law.  
Written Ballot Required

Explanation: Current calculations indicate that Frenchboro will not exceed its 2014 property tax levy limit; however, this article is a precaution in the event that it becomes necessary to exceed this amount for the next fiscal year.

Select board recommends passage.

Article 48 To see if the voters of the Town of Frenchboro will fix the dates when taxes are due and payable and to see if the Town will fix a rate of interest to be charged on taxes after that date:

Select board recommends November 1, 2015 and 7% or the maximum amount determined by the State Treasurer, whichever is less.

Article 49 To see if the voters of the Town of Frenchboro will establish a maximum interest rate to be paid on abated taxes:

Select board recommends 3% or the maximum amount determined by the State Treasurer, whichever is less.

Article 50 To see if the voters of the Town of Frenchboro will vote to authorize the tax collector to accept prepayments of taxes not yet committed, pursuant to 36 M.R.S. §506.

Select board recommends passage.

Article 51 To see if the voters of the Town of Frenchboro will accept a donation from Maine Coast Heritage Trust, and use that amount to be a match for the Shore and Harbor Improvement Grant.

Explanation: The Town Administrator will be working with the company Wright-Pierce, the board, and the Island Fellow to research, hold meetings, and write a Comprehensive Plan for the Town of Frenchboro.

Explanation: This is contingent upon the approval for our application with the State of Maine.  
Select Board recommends passage.

Article 52 To see if the voters of the Town of Frenchboro will form an advisory





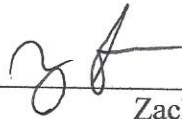
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The Select Board gives notice that they and the Registrar of Voters will be in session at 2:30pm on said day for the purpose of receiving and correcting the list of voters.

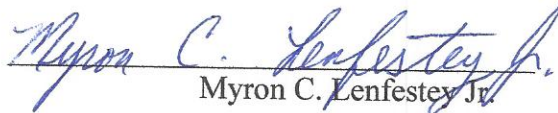
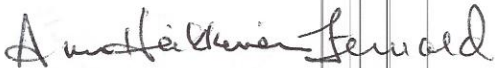
Given under our hands this, the 2nd day of June, 2015

Dated June 2, 2015

Select Board, Town of Frenchboro



Zachary Lunt



Myron C. Lenfestey Jr.

A True Copy of the warrant,  
Attest:  
Ann Heikkinen-Fernald  
Town Clerk, Registrar of Voters

## RETURN

### State of Maine

### Hancock County

State of Maine, County of Hancock, Frenchboro, pursuant to the within warrant; to be directed. I have notified and warned the inhabitants of Frenchboro, qualified to vote as herein expressed, to meet at the time and place and for the purpose herein named by posting an attested copy of this Warrant at the Municipal Building and the Frenchboro Library, the same being public and conspicuous places in Frenchboro.



Arthur Fernald, Resident, Frenchboro, Maine

